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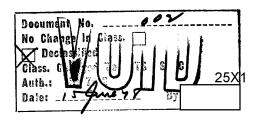
- On 7 October 1049, Soviet represent tive Shtykov in North Korea requested 25X11-KIN Il-song to arrange for collection of a large (unspecified) quantity of monazite* for export to the USSR. After conferring with Vice-Premier and Minister of Industry KIM Chaek (全 第) and other officials, KIM Il-song issued an order on 15 October to province, city, county, township, and village committees, requiring each man to collect fifteen kilograms of ronazite. Between the date of the order and April 1950, each man was to spend at least twenty days seeking this material in river sands.
 - Collections were slow, however, according to a survey conducted 17 November, largely because most persons were unable either to recognize or extract the material. The government therefore ordered the Industrial Section to issue explanations of the progrem and instructions for carrying it out. As part of this public education campaign, CHO Chang-ho (超 期 浩), a graduate of the Seoul Technical School, asked for technical assistance for the program from the analytical laboratories of the Sadong (壽 洞) Naval Coal Mine, the Sung Mo Ri (勝湖里) Cement Plant, and the Pyongyang Kirim Ri Industrial Laboratory.

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Corrent: Monazite, which contains a small amount of thorium is the chief raterial for conversion to Uranium 233.

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